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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION,
WITH REPLACEMENT SHEET OF THE DRAWINGS**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification, mailed from the USPTO on August 17, 2009, Applicants submit this Response and a Replacement Sheet of the drawings, namely Sheet 1/8. The Notice requires Applicants to correct an inconsistency between the Drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the Specification. Specifically, the Notice indicates that Figure 1B is listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings, but is not contained in the Drawings.

The present FIG. 1A includes an oval labeled "1b"; inside the oval is an illustration of a first signal 20 and second signal 22. The Specification states, on page 11, lines 15-17, "[a]s shown in Fig. 1B, the sensor 12 outputs a first signal 20 in response to a first condition of the fluid and a second signal 22 in response to a second condition of the fluid." Accordingly, the oval labeled "1b" should have been labeled "FIG. 1B". Therefore, Applicants submit an enclosed Replacement Sheet for sheet 1/8;

in the Replacement Sheet, the oval feature of original FIG. 1A is shifted away from FIG. 1A and is now labeled "FIG. 1B".

Applicants believe that no fees are associated with this submission, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0503.

Respectfully submitted,

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